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"Owner of the Year" result is a dead heat



Winners of the Club Owner of the Year Award at the prize giving.

Left, Len William, with Garry Cole, centre, also a partner in the Syndicate Owning Drawn, and right, 'Tommy' T. J. Smith, Owner of Bounding Away.

The annual award to the Tattersall's Club Owner of the Year, was dead heated in 1986, Club President Tony McSweeney told members and guests at a special award function on September 1.

Tony made the point that the award was not an arbitrary decision of the Club racing Committee, but was decided "mathematically" on the basis of points awarded for racing wins: four points for a Group 1 win; two points for a Group 2 win and one point for a Group 3 win.

Bounding Away, winner of the Golden Slipper, owned by the leading trainer, T. J. "Tommy" Smith, tied exactly at 14 points with Drawn, winner of the Caulfield Guineas, and owned by a syndicate of four of whom Mr Len Evans and Mr Garry Coleman were present to receive their prize, a bronze statuette of a race horse.

Other horses contending for the award were Heat of the Moment, Dinky Flyer, which won the name race at the Tattersall's New Year's Day meeting this year, and Hula Chief and Shankill Lass.

Present for the occasion was the Chairman of the A.J.C., Mr Jim

Bell, who made the presentations to the winners after a video film had been shown of all the contenders for the award, winning races throughout the season.

Also present were representatives of the A.J.C., the S.T.C., City Tattersall's Club and the commercial firms which were sponsoring the races at the Tattersall's Club September meeting on September 8.

Dates for the diary

Club Dinner October 25, 7.30 for 8 pm. Lounge Suit, Wines by Penfolds.

Golf Fixtures. Australian, October 16; Royal Sydney (Championships), December 5.

Young Members Luncheons, 12.30pm, Club Room: Monday, November 10, Guest Speaker, The Premier of N.S.W., The Hon B. J. Unsworth.

Swimming Presentation Night, 6.30pm Sportsmen's Room, October 17. Smorgasbord; Ladies invited.

Bowling Club Annual Matches. National Tattersall's Tournament, April 5 - 9, 1987.

Snooker awards this month

The Annual Tournament has now reached the last 16. We anticipate the completion of this by the end of October. Of the players on 80 handicap, only one has survived to the quarter-finals, namely Bill Kelso. Other exciting matches were won by Eddie Charlton, Bruce Cox, John Hoyle, Bill Henneberry, Tony Sernack, Bob Lavigne and Ron Rogers.

As previously mentioned, Sir Nicholas Shehadie has fulfilled his early promise by thrashing all opponents and is now contesting the final of the Billiards Tournament against the ex-Polish champion, Eugene Piekarski, who is a master of Cannon play.

Forthcoming events are the Annual Billiards & Snooker Championships and also the monthly pairs, to be played on the last Thursday of each month.

We are introducing a new Annual Christmas Snooker Handicap Tournament, the Jack Chown Handicap.

All members are eagerly awaiting the Annual Presentation night, which is the social event of the year to be held late October. Please contact Paddy Morgan for any information regarding Billiards and Snooker — DOUG JORDAN

See "Bruce's World Record" p.2.

Next Lunch Guest



Premier Barrie Unsworth

Joe Bahari retires

One of the best known and best loved faces at Tattersall's Club has been missing since the middle of last month, when Joe Bahari, the club Head Porter, retired.

To mark the occasion of Joe's retirement, Ted Joye organised a breakfast meeting at which nearly 50 club members paid tribute to Joe's 21 years with Tattersall's Club and presented him with a cheque for \$2,000 and a plaque inscribed: "Thank you for being a kind, thoughtful gentleman."

Judge John Maguire, who made the presentation to Joe, said Joe's retirement meant that something good was going out of Tattersall's members' lives.

"We all know Joe as a kind, sympathetic, gentle man," Judge Maguire said. He added that Joe was also a man of attainment and a linguist who spoke five languages "whereas most of us have to struggle to express ourselves in Australian." Judge Maguire said Joe had been a loyal and faithful servant of Tattersall's, whose name had become synonymous with the club.

Norman Rogers added that Joe's retirement was a sad day for the club, but everybody wished him a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Joe, who arrived in Australia from Lebanon 21 years ago and never had any other job except Tattersall's, is retiring to the Blue Mountains to look after his wife and relatives, who are not in good health. Joe is not a car driver, but Judge Maguire commented that he understood Joe intended to buy a Lambretta to get around on with the present from club members.

Two comments about Joe from club members. Ted Joye: "One day I left a pile of five parcels with Joe for safe keeping and when I returned for them, Joe had carefully put them into one large carrier bag for me so that I would not lose them. He is always thoughtful."

Adrian Golding: "I don't go into the club that often, but whenever I do, Joe always remembers my name. That's very important to members."

At a second presentation, the Chairman, Tony McSweeney, on behalf of the committee and the staff of Tattersall's Club, paid tribute to Joe in the club Boardroom.

More than 40 people, including most members of staff, the club committee and a number of members, including all the snooker players who deserted the tables for the occasion, heard Tony say that Joe in his 21 year career with Tattersall's had become well known and well liked by the most distinguished men in the State, from Prime Ministers to Chief Justices, on their visits to the club.

Joe had started at the club in a junior position and been promoted twice to become Head Porter, Tony said.

"We are all very proud of Joe for the consideration he has always shown to all members," Tony said.

On behalf of the staff, Tony presented Joe with a silver tea and coffee service, to which Gemcraft International Pty Ltd., the supplier, had also contributed.

On behalf of the Club Committee, Tony presented Joe with a set of silver coasters and place mats.

Vale, Harold Hill

We are very sorry to report the death of Harold Hill. Harold was a champion bowler, who was nominated this year for the title of Tattersall's Club Sportsman of the Year. Harold attended the Club September Race Meeting, but had to enter hospital shortly afterwards. The club extends its sympathy to Harold's family.

NEW MEMBERS

AUSTIN, Rodger Joseph
Clergyman, Roman Catholic Church

Chambers, Charles Stanley
Company Executive for C.S. Chambers Investments Pty Ltd

Houghton, Clyde Roger Sydney
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

Lethbridge, Colin Dan
Treasurer for Artes Studio Pty Ltd

Shiell, Charles Donald
Public Relations Officer for Stirling Nicholas Holdings Pty Ltd

Sullivan, David Lee
Business Manager for Australian General Electric Medical Systems

Has Bruce Scored a World Record?

There were as many versions of the story as there were people watching the play when Bruce McHugh (Handicap 80) met Eddie Charlton (-33) in the Club Snooker Handicap recently.

Bruce got to the table either three times or four and finished with a score of only 76, having started with 80.

It seems that at that point Eddie decided he had better get down to business if he wanted to go home at all that night and cleared the table.

How did Bruce manage to score his four away? One version was that he missed the red.

A second was that he played away from the red because he thought the white was touching it when it wasn't.

Referee Paddy Morgan (the horse's mouth, so to speak, on this particular incident) declares that in fact Bruce managed to touch the red with either his cue or the jigger.

Sounds like the sort of attack of nerves Bruce would never display at the race course.

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Joe Bahari (standing) with friends at the farewell breakfast given for him at the club. From the left are Sir Adrian Solomons, Ted Joye and Tony Baine.

Prof. Blainey Sees hope, but...

"Our Tax System is Preposterous"

More than 100 members of the club and their guests stood to spontaneously applaud Professor Geoffrey Blainey after he completed his address to the Younger Members Group luncheon in September.

Prof. Blainey, who discussed our present economic predicament in terms of Australia's history over the past 100 years, said he thought the country today faced the same sort of crossroads as it had in 1890 and in 1930, the start of the previous two most serious depressions Australia has faced.

The decisions made now would be particularly important, he said because a severe economic position would lead to a difficult political position and a difficult social position.

From 1945 to 1970, Australia had performed well, Prof. Blainey said, even when compared to the economic performance of the United States.

Since 1970, however, we had taken life too easily. He referred to the Donald Horne book, "The Lucky Country" which, he pointed out, Horne had intended as an ironical title for a book which asked how long Australia's luck could last.

"Unfortunately, the mineral boom came immediately after, and Australians took the title literally and supposed our luck would last forever," Prof. Blainey said.

He said the country was now "in a very dicey situation and government has to abandon the notion that the merry-go-round can continue revolving after the power is turned off."

Prof. Blainey said that work practices and productivity problems had to be tackled and that taxation "is in the worst mess since 1854 -the time of the Eureka Stockade".

The tax system was preposterous, he said, because it put workers such as underground miners at Mt Lyell on 61¢ in the dollar tax, and actively discouraged work at the latter part of the week by people who worked 70, 80 or 85 hour weeks such as truck drivers, taxi drivers or milk bar proprietors.

The Fringe Benefits Tax was unfair, he said, because public servants received far higher superannuation payments than those in private industry yet were not taxed on that part of their "super" which exceeded the amount available to other Australians.



Ian Gowrie Smith, left, and Robert Rich right, enjoy a pre lunch drink with Prof. Geoffrey Blainey.

However, Prof. Blainey saw "glimmers of hope". The budget, which he thought would have been appropriate a year earlier, showed the first signs of recognition of the economic position by government.

The abandonment of the Bill of Rights - described by Prof. Blainey as an example of "nutty legislation dealing with social relations and multi-culturalism", was also a positive step. He warned against using Federal and State money to encourage immigrants to maintain a separate way of life.

"By not taking pride in ourselves and not taking steps to maintain social cohesion we act to endanger the nation," he said.

Prof. Blainey was thanked for his address by Arthur Inglis, a member of the Younger Members' Committee and presented with a copy of the Tattersall's Club History.

He had earlier been introduced by Ian Gowrie Smith, who once studied economic history under him.

Dewars offers to Sponsor our Sports Clubs

Sporting Clubs within Tattersall's are at present considering a generous sponsorship offer from John Dewar and Sons Ltd., the scotch whisky house.

Mr John Halmarick, who recently arranged for his firm to sponsor the Roman Consul Stakes at the Tattersall's Club September Race Meeting, has suggested Dewar's sponsor a monthly handicap race for the swimming club, an annual handicap snooker event, drinks for an Epicurean Club function each year, an annual event for the Handball Club an annual golf day, bowls day and a prize for an annual ski club event.

All the clubs are now considering details of an event which would be suitable for sponsorship and prizes

of Dewar's product.

Making his offer to the club General Manager, Andrew Grecian, Mr Halmarick said: "The sponsorship offer is to support the club which has supported us."

Christmas is Coming

Club Christmas festivities this year will cover the period from December 17 to 20, and the General Manager, Andrew Grecian assures all members that there will be all the traditional activities and opportunities to acquire hampers, toys and other Christmas fare.

September meeting was better than ever



At the committee luncheon at the September Race Meeting, David Dransfield (left) and Ronnie Corbett were guests of honour. Also pictured, are Club President Tony Mc Sweeney (centre) and Bill Charles of the AJC (right).

Once again, Tattersall's Club, has been blessed with top class racing and absolutely superb Spring weather for the club September Race Meeting at Randwick, featuring the Subaru Chelmsford Stakes and the Tattersall's Plate.

The Chelmsford Stakes has now become a Group Two race and is the most important race in the Tattersall's Calendar, says Racing Committee Chairman, Norman Rogers.

It is a point Norman would be pleased to make. The horse that he shares with retired committeeman, Peter Twigg and their wives, Shankhill Lass, won the event.

Shankhill Lass is described by Norman Rogers as a Champion Mare.

However, the whole race meeting is now notable for a greatly improved class of horse and greatly improved Tote turnover, up 12% both on and off the course. Norman states that there is both a great improvement in the number of horses entered and in the quality.

'The Van Heusen Tramway Handicap, with 19 runners, showed a great improvement on the previous year,' he stated. 'I put the boost in quality and numbers down to the increase in prize money which the Tattersall's sponsors and the AJC have provided.'

Norman estimated that prize money for the eight races at the Tattersall's September meeting was up by approximately 20% on the previous year.

How to Hold a Special Party at the Club

One of the most successful functions recently held in the club was a black tie party and discotheque, held by Mr P. Rayner with his friends.

Altogether there were 252 people present on Saturday, September 6, as a result of Mr Rayner and 21 friends each inviting five couples to their Spring Ball.

It was a great night, with Mr Rayner's friends and guests occupying the main bar and club room from 7pm until 2am. 'Everybody had a magnificent evening and it was exactly the sort of function we would like to see

held much more often,' says the club General Manager, Andrew Grecian.

The club's Function Coordinator, Anne Colley, points out that with the First Floor Club Room, the Sportsman's Room, the Second Floor Function Room and the Dining Room, the club is ideally placed to cater for any type of function from just a few people up to cocktail parties for 400.

At the present time Andrew Grecian is conducting a promotional campaign to Sydney businessmen to increase awareness and use of Tattersall's Club function rooms.

David Dobbin wins B Grade

First semi-final David Dobbin defeated Bruce Upcroft. This was a neck and neck struggle. Both looked very fit and hit the ball hard. This time, however, David found the little extra and ran out winner.

Second semi-final, John Barnes defeated Les Hams. This was an entertaining match with long rallies and although John won 31/22 the score belied the event.

The Playoff for 3rd was won by Bruce Upcroft and the Final by David Dobbin.

David, John and Bruce have been included in the A Grade Championship.

1986 B GRADE HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Seedings have been made and the draw is:

- (1) Ray Hopkins v (12) Bruce Upcroft
- (2) Bob Hill v (11) John Barnes
- (3) Charles Robinson v (10) David Dobbin
- (4) Bill Blakemore v (9) Bill Sellen
- (5) Tony Bain v (8) Norman Rogers
- (6) Bob Lipman v (7) Ken Glass

All matches are 31 up excepting the Final which is 2 out of 3 at 21 up.

The 6 losers of the First Round will play a repechage knockout. The last 2 standing will join the six winners to complete the contest.

The final and playoff for 3rd will take place on Thursday October 30 at 5.30pm. The defending champion, Ray Hopkins, despite a recent setback in health, is keen to play on. We wish you well, Ray!

On completion of the Club Open Championship, which will be contested between Ron and Neil Rogers plus the 2 finalists from A Grade, a Trophy Presentation Night will be held. This will be limited to Club Members and their guests.

Swimming Notes

Friday 17th October —

Swimming presentation night in the Sportsman's Room, 6.30pm for 7.30pm smorgasbord. Bring your ladies.

The between-season 5 lap events are being keenly contested on Thursdays and the point score winner has not yet emerged from the pack.

We are glad to see Dennis Wilson and David Dobbin back in action in the pool, and swimming well too.

Don't forget now — turn up on 30th September for the start of the season.